

CLAIMS:

We claim:

1. A method for fulfilling orders, the method comprising the computer implemented steps of:
 - (a) receiving a product order, wherein the order specifies product type and quantity;
 - (b) printing a document that lists the content of the order and includes an order identification code;
 - (c) receiving an input of the order identification code,
 - (d) receiving an input of a product identification code taken from a physical product;
 - (e) comparing the product identification code with the product order;
 - (f) if the product corresponding to the product identification code is part of the order, confirming acquisition of the product and entering it toward completion of the order;
 - (g) if the product corresponding to the product identification code is not part the order, returning an error signal;
 - (h) repeating steps (d) through (g) until the specified quantity of each product type in the order is entered, and returning an error signal if more than the specified quantity of any product in the order is input; and
 - (i) completing the order and printing a shipping label for the order only after all products contained in the order have been acquired and entered in the specified quantity.
2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the document includes a label containing a mobile identification number than can be peeled off and placed on the outside of a box containing the ordered items.
3. The method according to claim 1, wherein the document includes a shipping address for the order and serves as a packing list.
4. The method according to claim 1, wherein the identification codes are barcodes that are entered by scanning.

5. A computer program product in a computer readable medium, for fulfilling orders, the computer program product comprising:

- (a) first instructions for receiving a product order, wherein the order specifies product type and quantity;
- 5 (b) second instructions for printing a document that lists the content of the order and includes an order identification code;
- (c) third instructions for receiving an input of the order identification code,
- (d) fourth instructions for receiving an input of a product identification code taken from a physical product;
- 10 (e) fifth instructions for comparing the product identification code with the product order;
- (f) sixth instructions for confirming acquisition of the product and entering it toward completion of the order if the product corresponding to the product identification code is part of the order;
- (g) seventh instructions for returning an error signal if the product corresponding to the product identification code is not part the order;
- 15 (h) eighth instructions for repeating steps (d) through (g) until the specified quantity of each product type in the order is entered, and returning an error signal if more than the specified quantity of any product in the order is input; and
- (i) ninth instructions for completing the order and printing a shipping label for the order

20 only after all products contained in the order have been acquired and entered in the specified quantity.

6. The computer program product according to claim 4, wherein the second instructions for printing the document include instructions for printing a label containing a mobile identification number than can be peeled off and placed on the outside of a box containing the ordered items.

7. The computer program product according to claim 4, wherein the second instructions for printing the document include instructions for printing a shipping address for the order, wherein the document serves as a packing list.

8. The computer program product according to claim 4, wherein the identification codes are barcodes.

9. A system for fulfilling orders, comprising:

- (a) a communication mechanism for receiving a product order, wherein the order specifies product type and quantity;
- (b) a first printer for printing a document that lists the content of the order and includes an order identification code;
- (c) a first input component for receiving an input of the order identification code,
- (d) a second input component for receiving an input of a product identification code taken from a physical product;
- (e) a comparator for comparing the product identification code with the product order;
- (f) an item entry component for confirming acquisition of the product and entering it toward completion of the order if the product corresponding to the product identification code is part of the order;
- (g) an error component for returning an error signal if the product corresponding to the product identification code is not part the order;
- (h) a component for repeating steps (d) through (g) until the specified quantity of each product type in the order is entered, and returning an error signal if more than the specified quantity of any product in the order is input; and
- (i) a second printer for printing a shipping label for the order only after all products contained in the order have been acquired and entered in the specified quantity and the order is completed.

10. The system according to claim 9, wherein the document includes a label containing a mobile identification number than can be peeled off and placed on the outside of a box containing the ordered items.

11. The system according to claim 9, wherein the document includes a shipping address for the order and serves as a packing list.

12. The system according to claim 9, wherein the identification codes are barcodes that are entered by scan.